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Acting to ensure that the Native American tribe gets a Interior has rejected the casino agreement between Go Wampanoags.

The department cited “a number of provisions that did encroachment on tribal sovereignty and a lack of mean exchange for tribal revenue, the department’s Bureau (protecting tribes’ interests, said.

The tribe, which wants to build a casino in Taunton, is renegotiating the deal, known as a compact.

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Governor Patrick called the rejection “deeply disappoint

“The compact calls for us to resume negotiations in the requires legislative approval of any renegotiated comp: conversations will begin in earnest as we work with ou [the] next steps. ... I remain committed to striking an a best interests of the commonwealth and the tribe.”

Under the terms of the rejected deal, the Mashpee wou gambling revenue from their Taunton facility, in excha

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resort in Southeastern Massachusetts, and other consid
21.5 percent is very high in comparison to recent comp
country.

“The revenue sharing provisions in this compact go be
department,” wrote Kevin Washburn, assistant secreta
rejection letter addressed to Patrick and dated Friday.

States cannot tax tribal casinos, and tribes are only all
value, normally an exclusive zone without competition
the state signed with the Mashpees provided limited ex
Massachusetts. It would have required a 15 percent cut
commercial resort was licensed in the region. The com
the establishment of a slot parlor anywhere in Southea

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